

# ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDA FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. ELECTRONIC MEETING

This meeting was conducted pursuant to Governor Eric J. Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-02, 20-04 and 20-08 and Governor Holcomb's Exercise of his powers under Indiana's Emergency Management and Disaster Law, Ind. Code 10-14-3, et seq.

Additional information about this meeting was provided in the annex published with the Agenda

#### 1. OPENING

- A. Call meeting to order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance

Municipal Relations Coordinator Amy Lacy took Council attendance.

Council Members present: Josh Garrett, President; Bryan Traylor, Vice-President; Brad Burk, Joe Culp, Alex Choi, Craig Melton, and Jason Plunkett

Also present: Heather Willey, Town Council Attorney; Julie Johns-Cole, Deputy Mayor; Amy Lacy,

Municipal Relations Coordinator and Town Department Staff.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDA OF THE JULY 20, 2020 REGULAR MEETING (copy posted)

**COUNCIL ACTION**: President Garrett moved to approve the Memoranda of the July 20, 2020 Town Council Meeting. Councilor Burk seconded the motion.

Ms. Lacy took a roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

PRESIDENT GARRETT Yea
VICE-PRESIDENT TRAYLOR Yea
COUNCILOR BURK Yea
COUNCILOR CHOI Yea
COUNCILOR CULP Yea
COUNCILOR MELTON Yea
COUNCILOR PLUNKETT Yea

The Memoranda of the July 20, 2020 meeting was approved by a vote of seven in favor, zero opposed. (7/0)

### 3. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Zionsville resident Craig Triscari expressed his displeasure that Councilors did not stand during the Pledge of Allegiance during electronic meetings. Mr. Triscari went on to speak in opposition to the Van Trust project which was discussed and approved at prior meetings, stating that Van Trust had failed to run eight-inch water lines into Saratoga Springs as promised and was still in violation of its commitment letter. He again expressed in detail his disagreement and concerns with the project. He expressed disagreement with the tax abatement proposals of VanTrust and Prologis, which he felt were tax giveaways. He also again expressed displeasure at what he felt to be the absence of services or funding provided by the Town of Zionsville in the rural community Mr. Triscari advised Perry Township residents

to request a reduction in property tax due to what he felt were the lack of services, lack of adherence to the comprehensive plan by the Town of Zionsville and what he felt to be reckless development in the area.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF PURCHASING CARDS

#### **Ordinance 2020-07**

Chief Financial Officer Tammy Havard presented Ordinance 2020-07. She gave an overview of the Purchasing Card program, explaining that the State purchasing card program would be utilized with the benefit being that all of the State's participating governments' spend are pooled to increase the rate on purchases which would result in a higher annual rebate for the Town. She detailed the benefits of the program, highlighting increased efficiency and accountability as well as the annual rebate to the Town on all purchases made with the purchasing cards. CFO Havard and Attorney Heather Willey answered questions from the Council.

**COUNCIL ACTION**: Councilor Burk moved to introduce Ordinance 2020-07 on first reading. Councilor Culp seconded the motion.

Ms. Lacy took a roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

PRESIDENT GARRETT Yea
VICE-PRESIDENT TRAYLOR Yea
COUNCILOR BURK Yea
COUNCILOR CHOI Yea
COUNCILOR CULP Yea
COUNCILOR MELTON Yea
COUNCILOR PLUNKETT Yea

Ordinance 2020-07 was introduced on first reading with a vote of seven in favor, zero opposed. (7/0) No further action was taken at this meeting.

# B. A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA (PROLOGIS L.P.)

## Resolution 2020-10

Attorney Matt Price, representing Prologis L.P., presented Resolution 2020-10, detailing the developer's plans. He explained that approval of the Resolution would be just the initial step in granting a tax abatement by permitting a Public Hearing to be held at a subsequent meeting.

He went on to explain that this development would consist of a logistics marketplace along the I-65 corridor, comprised of two 500,050 square foot buildings with an anticipated investment of over 47 million dollars. Mr. Price went on to say that Prologis, an international leader in the rapidly growing logistics business, is seeking a standard tax abatement.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** President Garrett moved to approve Resolution 2020-10.

Councilor Plunkett seconded the motion.

Ms. Lacy took a roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

PRESIDENT GARRETT Yea
VICE-PRESIDENT TRAYLOR Yea
COUNCILOR BURK Yea
COUNCILOR CHOI Yea
COUNCILOR CULP Yea
COUNCILOR MELTON Yea
COUNCILOR PLUNKETT Yea

Resolution 2020-10 was approved by a vote of seven in favor, zero opposed. (7/0)

# C. APPROVAL OF REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION (PROLOGIS L.P.)

Attorney Matt Price explained that the abatement application sets forth the specific standards of the requested tax abatement, reiterating that this was subject to a Public Hearing at a subsequent meeting. **COUNCIL ACTION:** Councilor Plunkett moved to approve the Tax Abatement application.

Councilor Choi seconded the motion.

Ms. Lacy took a roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

PRESIDENT GARRETT Yea
VICE-PRESIDENT TRAYLOR Yea
COUNCILOR BURK Yea
COUNCILOR CHOI Yea
COUNCILOR CULP Yea
COUNCILOR MELTON Yea
COUNCILOR PLUNKETT Yea

The Real Property Tax Abatement Application for Prologis L.P. was approved by a vote of seven in favor, zero opposed. (7/0)

#### 6. OTHER MATTERS

President Garrett recognized the outstanding service of Jelka, a K-9 Officer since September 2016, who lost her battle with cancer and was retired from service on Friday, July 31, 2020 when she passed away. He stated that Corporal Josh Stutesman and Jelka worked tirelessly together and were a much respected K-9 team. President Garrett concluded by expressing that the Town grieves along with the Stutesman family over the loss of Jelka.

Councilor Plunkett questioned legal fee spending, pointing out that at current spending levels we are on track to exceed the budgeted amount by over \$129,000 for 2020. He asked where these funds would come from if the budgeted amount were exceeded, asking if it would be a re-appropriation of funds, and if it would require Council approval should the budgeted amount be exceeded, CFO Havard stated that they would first look to re-appropriate dollars that were already a part of the 2020 budget. She went on to say that if there were not enough appropriations available to be moved, the next step would be to go to the Council for an additional appropriation. She stated that all of those would go before Council.

#### 7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

**COUNCIL ACTION**: President Garrett moved to approve claims as presented.

Vice-President Garrett seconded the motion.

Director Lacy took a roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

PRESIDENT GARRETT Yea
VICE-PRESIDENT TRAYLOR Yea
COUNCILOR BURK Yea
COUNCILOR CHOI Yea
COUNCILOR CULP Yea
COUNCILOR MELTON Yea
COUNCILOR PLUNKETT Yea

Claims were approved by a vote of seven in favor, zero opposed. (7/0)

#### 8. ADJOURN

**COUNCIL ACTION:** President Garrett moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Burk seconded the motion.

Ms. Lacy took a roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

PRESIDENT GARRETT Yea VICE-PRESIDENT TRAYLOR Yea

COUNCILOR BURK	Yea
COUNCILOR CHOI	Yea
COUNCILOR CULP	Yea
COUNCILOR MELTON	Yea
COUNCILOR PLUNKETT	Yea

The motion was approved by a vote of seven in favor, zero opposed. (7/0)

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. This will be an electronic meeting. Notice will be posted in compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law. In his Executive Orders 20-02, 20-04 AND 20-08 (collectively, the "Executive Orders"), Governor Eric J. Holcomb has ordered all political subdivisions of the State of Indiana to limit public gatherings and to implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's and the Indiana State Department of Health's recommended virus mitigation strategies. The Executive Orders suspend certain requirements for Essential Governmental Functions that facilitate Essential Infrastructure with respect to public meetings and open-door laws, including suspending physical participation requirements by members of public agency governing bodies and permitting public attendance through electronic means of communications. As a political subdivision of the State of Indiana, the Zionsville Town Council must comply with the Executive Orders throughout the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Members of the public shall have the right to attend Town Council Public Meetings via the following form of electronic communication. A Zoom link will be provided in the meeting notice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amelia Anne Lacy, Municipal Relations Coordinator Town of Zionsville